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The only thing that a bet proves is that the man who makes it has money.

Don't be discouraged if you were not voted into the hall of fame. Better a living nobody than a dead somebody in particular.

A French aeronaut has broken the record, whereas the only things members of that profession usually break is their necks.

The real poverty of riches is illustrated by the case of the blind New York millionaire who offered \$1,000,000 to anyone who could restore to him his sight and then failed to get relief.

Col. Du Paty De Clam has at last been retired from the French army. Next to Esterhazy the colonel earned in the Dreyfus case the largest share of infamy, which will follow him into his retirement.

Women who never read the newspapers are still becoming the prey of bigamists who marry for money. Every girl should read the newspapers and learn something of the ways of the world, wicked as some of its ways are.

The protection of the woods from devastating fires should be the next step in the development of forestry. In Southern France it is proposed to divide the forests into sections, and separate them by planting strips of a juicy species of cactus.

A rich Englishman who died the other day provided in his will that his daughters were to inherit nothing if they became the wives of American citizens. Pout! We would like to see his homely old daughters stand beside some of our girls for comparison!

What has become of the sense of law? Every city has its lawless element and the only safety is to keep that under. But nowadays there seems to be a general indifference, and the average citizen leaves these little difficulties to be worked out between the police and the mob, and if he shows any interest at all it is to watch how the row will come out.

What is the Amazon's favorite weapon? A Chicago newspaper compiles a table showing the character of weapons used by women in several hundred cases of assault and battery before the police courts during the past year. As was to be expected, the broom handle is most used, being chosen by 186 belligerent females. But this may mean only it was the handiest, not the favorite, weapon. Hairbrushes and hatpins figure conspicuously, and the rolling-pin is deadly in many cases. The most interesting is the case of a woman who went into battle with a nursing bottle and smashed it over her antagonist's head. All this seems ridiculous, but there is some satisfaction in the thought that women do not employ the knife or the pistol in settling their differences. In this respect, at least, they can claim more common sense and humanity than men.

It was regarded as a great triumph won for human liberty a couple of centuries ago, when the principle was established that all trials of persons accused of crimes and misdemeanors must be held with open doors. The famous "Star Chamber" court of the Stuarts was typical of tyranny. But years of experience under free institutions have revealed the fact that in a very large number of cases a trial in open court has a hardening and degrading influence on the persons accused, and that with young people of previous good character some choice might well be allowed as to whether the trial should be open to the public or conducted in the presence only of the court officials, the necessary witnesses and attorneys. The latter view has obtained in the conduct of the special court established about a year ago in Buffalo for the trial of juvenile offenders. One of the first acts of the present police justice was to announce that children would be tried behind closed doors. No protest appears to have been raised, and the plan is said to have been most successful.

Effort has been made for some time to classify hydrophobia among diseases of the imagination. Even at Pasteur's laboratory faddists insisted that the wild-eyed children brought there for treatment after being bitten by wolves, dogs or cats were the victims of hallucination. In Chicago a horse bitten by a cow developed blood poisoning, accompanied with all the symptoms of rabies, death resulting after horrible suffering. In the case of the horse it can scarcely be claimed that the creature died from dread caused "by association of ideas" or "bearing hydrophobia talked about." The truth is that rabid animals whose dangerous tendencies are rarely discovered until too late for precautions are allowed too great liberty among human beings. The increasing practice of permitting dogs to be public familiars in crowded cities is full of peril. The torture to which they are constantly exposed and frequently subjected is of itself calculated to induce insanity in even the most sane. It is not limited to their own species. Dissemination of disease by all varieties of animal life is now so well established in scientific annals that cranks and egotists with animal fads must be required to keep their pets within safeguards for the protection of the community as well as of the pets.

It is only fifty years since the possibility of sending telegraphic messages under the sea was first established; and the engineer who directed the laying of the first cable, from Dover to the French cliffs on the other side of the English Channel, is still living in England. The cable soon ceased to work, but it was the precursor of the Atlantic cable which was laid out from the Great Eastern in 1866, and of the one hundred and seventy thousand miles of ocean cable now in operation. The discoveries of one generation become the indispensable conveniences of the next.

To realize how ocean telegraphy has affected the conditions of modern life, we have only to try to imagine what the world would be like without it. If dealers in cotton or wheat at New York or Chicago knew nothing of the day's prices in London or Bombay, how timid and contracted their transactions would be! If all our news from Europe were a week old, how slow would be those exchanges of opinion and sympathy which now make common interests among the nations. How perplexing and interminable would be the adjustment of international questions, if such conferences among the governments as those necessitated by the crisis in China had to wait the slow course of correspondence by mail! Like most discoverers and inventors, the first experimenters with ocean telegraphy builded better than they knew; and the world is vastly different from what it would have been, if they had not pushed their experiments, in the face of discouragement and ridicule, to a successful conclusion.

In the absence of any better topic of discussion, at a recent meeting of the Rainy Day Club in New York Mr. Dora Goldthwait made the assertion that women do not always tell the unqualified truth. Strange as it may seem, since lying, like most other faults, is supposed to have no sex, the assertion aroused tremendous excitement. To obtain a satisfactory answer to the question, "Do women lie?" it should first be settled what a lie is. If by a lie is meant the intentional purpose to deceive with malicious or dishonest ends in view, the woman is rare who utters a lie. She is seldom guilty of the "lie direct," which is the masculine lie, but as to the "lie with circumstances," that is another story. Byron defines a lie as "the truth in masquerade," which, perhaps, comes nearest to the gentle art of lying as practiced by women—an art not only gentle but difficult, for Tennyson says that "a lie that is half the truth is the hardest lie of all." The half truth is simply another form of tact, and women are conceded to be masters of tact. Nearly all the communications upon this subject are from women. Few men, indeed, would venture to express their opinion, though Julian Hawthorne has the courage to observe that when women intend to be truthful "they come nearer success than we can," but on the other hand "they are able to fabricate a lie which shall bear a misleading resemblance to the truth more skillfully than their male brethren." The most exhaustive discussion of the question is that made by May Bushnell-Moody, who asserts that there are instances where a plain, straightforward, honest lie is an absolute necessity and thoroughly pardonable, and that "to tell a clever untruth at the critical moment is an admirable accomplishment." As a rule, however, she believes that a really tactful woman cannot get along without "her reserve fund of tiny, harmless subterfuges," and that "if one never deviates from the path of truth one is ceaselessly plunged into all sorts of troubles, besieged with enemies, and absolutely devoid of that delightful kindness toward people which is the basis of all happiness and unity." In other words, this lady would have us believe that a lie is an offense, but a fib is just a cheerful evasion, and "the woman who can discriminate between these two is justified in using them with impunity." It is noticeable the question is never asked, "Do men lie?" It is cheerfully assumed they do, and, not being creatures of the emotions, they do it directly and robustly. They rarely fib. Women, on the other hand, being governed by their emotions and imaginations, while they have a horror for the "lie direct," do not regard the "lie with circumstances" as a sin but rather as a necessary accompaniment of tact.

**A Great Boon to Humanity.**  
Bioxide of sodium seems to be one of the greatest boons to humanity which the century has given—that is, if the reports as to the recent demonstration of its qualities before the French academy of science prove to be substantiated. It is said that this product possesses the property of renewing oxygen, the life-sustaining principle in air, as well as of absorbing carbonic acid as it is given off. Two men with a new apparatus containing bioxide of sodium are alleged to have put on diving dresses from which all air was excluded, and remained for the space of two hours under these conditions. Subsequently they remained under water for half an hour under similar conditions.

The availability of this new means of vitalizing air in the case of submarine craft seems very promising. But its use is likely to be very extensive, enabling firemen to penetrate the densest smoke without danger of suffocation, and miners to pursue their calling safely, by depriving "fire damp" and noxious gases of their power to work harm and death.—Boston Globe.

**They Seldom See Money.**  
It is hard to realize that in the mountain districts of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina there are many places where money is almost unknown, and skins of wild animals, butter and eggs and other commodities are still exchanged for coffee and sugar and calico. A recent visitor to this region tells about seeing coon, squirrel and rabbit skins passed over the counter of a country store in exchange for groceries. The owner of the store said that sometimes he never saw any money for months at a time. Four times a year hide buyers come out from Lexington and take the skins off his hands. Then he sends the money to Cincinnati for a new stock of goods.

**Small Horses in War.**  
The experience of the British in South Africa is said to have demonstrated the superiority of small horses to large ones as draft animals in the field of hostilities. The small beasts can go longer without food, it is said, can do just as much work, and make a smaller target for the enemy.

**Bees that Ventilate the Hive.**  
In each beehive are a number of nursing bees, who do not go out to gather honey, but look after the eggs and young, and a certain number are always told off to ventilate a hive. These stand close to the entrance and fan strongly with their wings.

The tiresome orator tries to make up in length for his deficiency in depth.

## ALL ALONG THE COAST

Interesting General Information About California

MENTIONED IN THESE COLUMNS

Selections That Will Be of Great Interest To Both Old And Young.

Claremont packing houses are on sale. San Bernardino is also after the new Salt Lake road.

A Farmers' Institute will be held in Madeira December 11. Earl Hendricks of Aiden languishes in durance vile for stealing turkeys.

Three women were held up by foot-pads in Oakland on Wednesday night. Monrovia is after an extension of the Los Angeles and Pasadena electric road.

Redlands intends to make a bid for the machine shops of the new Salt Lake road.

Each of the counties has its own special kick on the question of re-districting the State.

A new bridge is to be built across Santiago creek at West Orange. The contract price is \$1600.

Thomas H. Williams of Emeryville presented a Thanksgiving turkey to every family in that town.

Forty operators in the Industrial Home for the Blind at Oakland are manufacturing brooms.

The Red Cross society of Riverside will watch the nineteenth century out and the twentieth century in.

San Diego people are making generous contributions for the suffering reservation Indians in that county.

This has truly become a billion-dollar country. Bank clearings last week amounted to \$2,319,000,000.—Salinas Index.

Santa Monica is talking town reorganization, and the moving a peg up in the grade of cities, from the sixth to the fifth class.

Two colored cooks and parties in the employ of the Southern Pacific Company have been stricken with small-pox at Oakland.

The San Jose Improvement Club has decided to maintain an information bureau in Los Angeles for four months, beginning December 1.

A Fresno schoolmarm was mired to her elbows in the mud, and it required the combined strength of three men to haul her to safe ground.

Eight Chinese, who were awaiting deportation, escaped from the detention room in San Francisco at the mail dock, and are still at large.

A man has opened a wholesale liquor store at Sultana, and the residents of the town have asked him to close up or take the consequences.

Pomona is trying to have the Salt Lake road's northern survey accepted so as to bring the city on the line. Tempting inducements will be offered.

An Alameda baker has left town for good because the Health Officer caught him in the act of throwing a large piece of dough into the bread vat, that he had just dropped in the mud.

Mrs. Robert Corda, wife of a prominent rancher, was attacked by a maddened bull in her doorway and gored in the right hip. The animal caught sight of her red dress and nearly killed the woman before he could be driven away.

William Kennedy and Charles Howard were brought from Ontario to San Bernardino, charged with stealing two oranges, and given five days each in the county jail. Value of oranges, 2 cents; cost to the county, \$450. The men looked like real workmen.

Hugh McKay, a miner 60 years of age, who resides out in the Stringer district, Randsburg, fell into a shaft on the Winnie last Saturday and was not discovered until Monday afternoon. He fell twenty-five feet but was not seriously injured.

Prof. Alfred Emerson of San Francisco has been sent by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst to Europe to gather materials for a museum of classic archaeology for the University of California. He has been authorized to expend \$10,000 a year for two years on her behalf.

Twenty rowdies started a scrap at San Francisco in order to get arrested, they having heard that the prisoners in the City Jail were to be fed on turkey on Thanksgiving day. They were clubbed by the officers and made to disperse without making a success of their scheme.

Elsie Tyson, a California girl, who was formerly a kitchen slave on a ranch in Humboldt county, has fallen in love with a young man in Australia. Since her fortune has fallen to her she has had over ninety offers of marriage, but has declined them all.

The removal of A. S. Cardozo from the Patrick Reddy place in Bennett Valley to his own farm in the Wilson district has terminated one of the longest tenancies ever known in this district. For seven consecutive years Mr. Cardozo has leased the Reddy ranch and has paid over \$18,000 in rents, or more than the purchase price now asked for the ranch.

**MURDER AT FRESNO.**  
Trouble Over Alleged Short Accounts.

Fresno, Nov. 30.—The most sensational incident since the McWhirter tragedy happened at 6:30 o'clock this evening in the Grand Central Hotel, when Pole Kanawyer, postmaster of Millwood, this county, shot and killed J. C. Collyer, a well-known Democratic politician, former under sheriff of this county, and assistant under Adjt. Gen. Peeler of this state during the Spanish-American war.

Collyer, who is of Herculean build, came down from Washington State to clear up the charges that he had embezzled small sums during his term as postmaster of Millwood. When Collyer left, he appointed Kanawyer a deputy, and recommended Mrs. Kanawyer as postmaster, Kanawyer being an old Grand Army man and a Republican.

It was in Collyer's absence that shortages were discovered. Kanawyer talked pretty freely, with the result that today Collyer arrived in town to seek an explanation. Collyer had paid some \$3 or \$4, which was all that he had failed to account for, and when he met Kanawyer tonight, he was strung up to the concert pitch with anger.

Kanawyer is ten years older than Collyer, and much his inferior physically, so it was scarcely a moment before the former lay on the floor, felled by a heavy blow. As Kanawyer rose, he drew a revolver and shot Collyer at close range under the angle of the jaw, severing the left carotid artery. Collyer died in ten minutes.

**THE GRAVE WAS OPENED AND THE CORPSE WAS GONE.**  
Widow Brought Suit for Divorce and Caused Her Husband's Arrest, Quickly Followed by His Death and Her Own Wedding.

Princeton, Ky., Nov. 30.—A mystery which may develop into a poisoning has excited this county.

About ten days ago Mrs. Cora Merrick, wife of Frank Merrick, filed a petition for divorce. The petition set forth certain facts against her husband and filed with it were certain depositions of certain witnesses to establish the fact that Merrick was a forger, and that he had signed the name of R. U. Kevill & Sons to checks for various amounts.

Acting in this advice, warrants were sworn out for Merrick, and he was arrested two days later. When found at his home in this county, Merrick either was or pretended to be, very ill. He was not taken to jail, but was allowed to remain at his home, under guard. On Monday he died in great agony, and he was buried in the cemetery of the little country church at Blue Springs, near his home.

Mrs. Merrick married James Moore yesterday. Merrick had known his wife but a short time when he was married to her, and their marital life was but a few months old. They had lived happily to all outward appearances until Moore came upon the scene. Mrs. Merrick is a handsome woman. Moore became infatuated with her, and she returned his affection. Their marriage caused much talk, and an investigation into the cause of Merrick's death was ordered by the officials. For the purpose of obtaining the stomach for analysis, the body was ordered to be exhumed.

When the grave was opened today the coffin box contained no body. This was a great surprise, and the police are now at work on the case.

Merrick has always been regarded as a bad man. He made a detailed confession of his forgeries to the police shortly after he was arrested. His father has made reimbursement for a portion of his son's stealings, and will, in all probability, settle the entire account. Moore and his bride assert that the body has been stolen by medical students.

**MOROCCO TO BE DUNNED FOR THAT INDEMNITY.**  
Consul Commere and Kentucky Going to Fez.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The State Department today sent instructions to United States Consul Gummere, at Tangiers, Morocco, to proceed to the capital of that country as far as possible on the United States man-of-war to present afresh the claim of the United States for indemnity on account of the murder of Marcus Ezagui, a naturalized American citizen, who was killed in June, 1900. The warship, which probably will be the Kentucky, recalled from Smyrna for that purpose, will convey the Consul from Tangiers to Mazagan, which is the nearest port to Fez, the capital of Morocco.

**CALIFORNIA ELECTORS.**  
Official Returns on the Vote of Those Chosen to Pick a President.

Sacramento, Nov. 30.—Following are the complete returns for presidential electors as filed with Secretary of State C. F. Curry:

Republican—Samuel M. Shortridge, 164,700; J. J. Barker, 164,000; John Walter Ryan, 163,693; Harold T. Fowler, 163,590; William R. Davis, 163,791; Christian B. Rode, 163,445; Frank McGowan, 163,527; Warren R. Porter, 163,148; Jas. McFadden, 161,917.

Democrat—J. H. Seawell, 124,885; Willard H. Sumner, 124,756; J. H. Haynes, 121,840; A. C. Carter, 124,742; W. R. Prather, 124,723; W. T. Baggett, 124,689; Jas. N. Block, 124,770; Thomas A. Rice, 124,666; John A. Cole, 123,634.

Prohibition—James H. Blanchard, 5024; Volney Taylor, 4978; L. A. Goble, 4941; Leroy S. Atwood, 4953; M. C. Winchester, 4956; M. Morcom, 4927; William Kell, 4987; S. Bristol, 4926; J. W. Webb, 4953.

First District—Frank L. Coombs (R.), 21,227; James F. Farrar (D.), 16,279; Chas. T. Clark (P.), 310.

Second District—Samuel D. Woods (R.), full term, 29,019; Samuel D. Woods (R.), unexpired term, 22,799; J. D. Sprunt (R.), full term, 21,851; J. D. Sprunt (D.), unexpired term, 21,917; W. H. Barron (P.), 371; scattering, 29.

Third District—Victor H. Metcalf (R.), 22,109; Frank Freeman (D.), 14,402; Alvin W. Holt (P.), 431; scattering, 11.

Fourth District—Julius Kahn (R.), 17,111; R. Porter Ashe (D.), 17,742; Jos. Rowell (P.), 84; C. C. O'Donnell (I.), 1116.

Fifth District—Eugene F. Loud (R.), 23,443; J. H. Henry (D.), 17,365; Fred E. Caton (P.), 325.

Sixth District—James McLachlan (R.), 27,081; William Graves (D.), 19,793; James Campbell (P.), 1693.

Seventh District—Jas. Carson Needham (R.), 23,450; W. D. Crichton (D.), 18,981; A. H. Hensley (P.), 919.

**ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.**  
Arthur Tappan, Aged 12, Shot by a Playmate.

Alameda, Dec. 2.—Arthur Tappan, aged 12 years, was accidentally shot and killed by Charles Swan, a playmate, with whom he was out hunting. Young Tappan, who was armed with a slingshot, was aiming at a hawk when Swan, armed with a 22-caliber rifle. The gun caught in his clothing and was discharged, the bullet striking Tappan in the breast. The wounded boy threw up his arms and fell, dying on the spot in a few seconds. The rifle was held within a yard of his body and his clothing was so saturated with lead that it was left to die. All doctors agree that the child's life could have been saved. The two men were admitted to cash bail, which was supplied.

(Denver Times.) "Talk about absentmindedness! Jenkins is the most absent-minded beggar I know."

"What's he done now?"

"Why, he wrote the combination of the safe on a piece of paper to keep from forgetting it, and then locked the paper in the safe to keep from losing it."

## FOUND DEAD IN A WELL

Dreadful Fate of Poor Mrs. St. Clair in Los Angeles

BURIED ALIVE AT HER OWN DOOR

Disappeared Nov. 21st and was not found until Dec. 1st, in a Horrible Decomposed State

To be buried alive and suffer slow death by suffocation—such was the doom of Mrs. Mary St. Clair, of No. 174 Hewitt street, Los Angeles.

She disappeared on the night of November 21, during the storm that raged and not till Dec. 1 was her awful fate known.

In the afternoon her horribly decomposed body was dragged from a deserted well in front of the hotel where she and her husband lived.

Edward St. Clair, the husband of the dead woman, is a hard-working machinist employed at Llewellyn iron foundry. He and his wife had eaten supper together on the night of the tragedy. About 8:30 o'clock the woman went outside, and was the last time she was seen alive.

**THE DEATH TRAP.**  
About ten feet to the left of the front steps of the house, and immediately in front of the building stands the old well, forty-three feet deep. It has been unused for years, and was covered with a solid board top. The side walls project above the ground two feet. The front wall of the house, the east side of the well curbing and the fence at the east of the lot, form three sides of a square space to the left of the well, where a cave-in took place on the fatal night of the storm, and where Mrs. St. Clair is supposed to have fallen into the death trap.

The walk from the front steps to the street is ten feet away from the deadly square of ground to the east of the well, and why the woman went into that three-sided space can only be conjectured. She weighed 190 pounds, and it is supposed that her heavy weight caused the earth to slide through the rotten east wall of the well, carrying the woman down.

**BOY POISONS HIS FAMILY.**  
Idaho Boy's Method of Avenging the Slaughter of His Turkeys.

Boise, Idaho, Nov.—James Bashor, aged 12 years, poisoned his entire family on Thanksgiving day. They live on a farm and have a large number of turkeys which he had cared for and of which he was very fond. He objected to any of them being killed, so he fed them something to make them sick. The hired man killed two that were served Thursday. The members of the family soon after were taken sick and a girl and boy may die. Investigation disclosed the fact that the boy had fed the turkeys a poisonous substance used for preparation of seed wheat the morning of Thanksgiving; their conditions did not attract all the family's attention before night, but ten minutes after dinner had been eaten.

**FURIOUS BATTLE WITH HOLD-UP MEN.**  
Five Robbers Attack a Street Car at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—A daring attempt was made last night by five men to hold up an Ogden avenue electric car at Randolph and Canal streets. The robbers were beaten off after a furious battle with the crew of the car and several passengers, but not until Edward J. Wright, president of the commission house on South Water street, was robbed of a cash containing more than \$500 in currency and checks. There were twenty passengers on the car.

When the police patrol wagon arrived on the scene in response to a riot call, turned in by a citizen, they found the conductor, John Steindock, lying insensible in the street, bleeding from half a dozen wounds.

The interior of the car was wrecked. The windows were broken and the floor and seats spattered with blood.

During the fight in the car, several women fainted, and others leaped and were struck from the car. Several passengers whose names the police were unable to learn, received cuts and bruises.

**PECULIAR DEATH OF OSCAR WILDE.**  
Dublin, Nov. 30.—A dispatch to the Evening Mail from Paris says that Oscar Wilde is dead. The dispatch adds that he expired in an obscure house in the Latin quarter from meningitis, and was received into the Catholic church on his death bed.

Paris, Nov. 30.—Oscar Wilde has been living in a hotel on the Rue des Arts, where he has been known for several months under the name of Marlow.

For some time he has been indisposed. In October he was obliged to submit to a serious operation, from the effects of which he never recovered. He died at two o'clock this morning at the Maison Du Pierre, an obscure hotel, in the presence of Lord Alfred Douglas.

The Journal says it is rumored that Wilde committed suicide.

**FAITH-HEALER JAILED.**  
Victoria, B. C.—Eugene Brooks, an elder of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, and W. W. Maltby, one of his followers, were committed to trial on a charge of having caused the death of Claude Oliver Maltby, the six-year-old son of the latter. The child, with other children in the neighborhood, had diphtheria, and the parents, who joined the Zionites church under the teachings of Brooks, refused to call a physician.

The criminal code of Canada clearly defines that a father must provide necessities for his family, and the courts have held time and again that medical treatment is a necessity. Brooks is held on the ground that he was an accessory, as through his teachings the child was left to die. All doctors agree that the child's life could have been saved. The two men were admitted to cash bail, which was supplied.

**"HONEST GEORGE'S" STEAL.**  
Cincinnati, O.—It is evident that the defalcation of the late George R. Griffiths, school clerk, will exceed \$100,000. He was not the disburser officer, but he received large sums of money belonging to the school fund and was required to pay them over to the treasurer, but the treasurer had no means

of knowing how much the clerk received, and the Board of Education had absolute control over the funds, with no accountability to any officer. Griffiths' estate is said to be insolvent, and his bond, which is said to be for \$5000, is likely to be valueless from neglect in the matter of its renewal.

**WOMAN IN THE PEN.**  
Columbus, O., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Emma Van Liew, who yesterday at Van Wert pleaded guilty to manslaughter by throwing vitrol into the face of Miss Alice Hammel last September, causing her death, was delivered at the penitentiary this morning in a cart, accompanied by Sheriff Webster and her husband, the latter being a special deputy by appointment of the court.

The prisoner was put through the usual course at the prison female department, being shown no special favors, nor was application made for any special consideration. She was taken to a hotel for the night by reason of illness. The parting between husband and wife was very affecting.

**SHOT HIM TO SAVE HERSELF**  
Says the Wounded Man Tried to Kill Her.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Susie Conway shot Edward Conway, a tailor's cutter, last night at their residence, 717 Nineteenth street, Oakland. The bullet from the pistol lodged in Conway's right side, inflicting a dangerous wound, but one which the surgeons say will not necessarily prove fatal. The woman, who claims to be Conway's wife, says she attacked her with a knife. After shooting twice through the ceiling, she fired the third shot with the pistol aimed straight at Conway as he was upon her with up lifted knife.

The trouble, according to the woman, was the result of drunken abuse and threats Conway made to kill her. Milton Pritch, 14 years old, a son of Mrs. Conway, was present during the affray and in a statement to the police corroborated his mother's story. Conway denied he had a knife and said the shooting was due to his declaration that he had intended to part company with the pistol-wielding husband, who was not his wife, but that they had lived together for two years.

**PORTO RICANS LAND AS AMERICAN CITIZENS.**  
Over One Hundred Puny Paupers Bound For Hawaii.

New Orleans, Dec. 3.—The first lot of Porto Ricans, 114 in number, bound for the Hawaiian sugar plantations, as contract laborers, were admitted here today from the steamship Arcadia, as United States citizens, thus settling the vexed question as to the national status of the Porto Ricans. They are a puny and squalid set. They filed two tourist cars on the Southern Pacific and left tonight for San Francisco. A prominent railroad man, who handled them, pronounced them the most miserable, ill-conditioned people he ever saw.

"I have handled people from almost every nation upon the face of the earth," he said, "but never saw people who could compare with these Porto Ricans, who were taken there from Hawaii. Their abject misery cannot be imagined unless seen. There was not a sound body among them and all looked like consumptives. They wore scarcely any clothes, no shoes, and little two-by-four blankets apiece, which they used as scarfs around their necks."

They were a mongrel breed, and inter-marriage has so evidently depleted their vitality that I cannot see how they have stamina enough to live. They were listless, dull, indifferent. Not one of them raised his head to look about him to see what the new country was like. They sat or stood there without life or movement, the women smoking cigarettes, and the evidences of intermarriage showing in every feature. Even if they do represent the pauper class, there is no other pauper class in the whole world that looks about him to see what the new country was like. They sat or stood there without life or movement, the women smoking cigarettes, and the evidences of intermarriage showing in every feature. Even if they do represent the pauper class, there is no other pauper class in the whole world that looks about him to see what the new country was like. They sat or stood there without life or movement, the women smoking cigarettes, and the evidences of intermarriage showing in every feature. 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